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Attention:

Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500

For Mr. Greg Wong

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: MTC 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP Amendment 1.00

We have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Amendment Number 1.00 to its 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated December 22, 2000. The amendment was adopted by MTC on November 15, 2000. This amendment adds, modifies or deletes various projects from various funding programs in various counties throughout the MTC Region. Specific project information related to the program modifications proposed by MTC was included with the MTC letter dated November 17, 2000. Your letter dated January 30, 2001 clarified funding questions that were raised during the review of this amendment.

We accept those projects in this MTC amendment that are consistent with the data in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In accordance with 23 CFR 450 we find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The CalTrain Track Crossover Project (TIP Project ID JPB01007) may be approved for inclusion in the FSTIP once it is included in CTIPS. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR 93.126 and/or 93.127], or were considered as part of the conformity analysis for the current plan and program. Therefore, we find this FTIP conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's FTIP Amendment Number 1.00 into California's 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

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